Implementation of gas based power projects

18. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the three gas based power projects proposed to be set up on the HBJ pipelines have since been taken up for implementation; and

(b) if so, what progress has been made so far in regard to each project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Project Report in respect of the three gas-based Stations have been techno-economically appraised by the Central Electricity Authority. These projects are now being considered for investment decision.

Tenders for HBJ project

19. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:
DR. H. P. SHARMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the firms which have submitted tenders for laying of the H. B. J. pipeline project on a turn-key basis; and

(b) the names of the firms which have been assigned the job?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) The following firms have submitted complete bids for the work of laying of the HBJ pipeline:

(1) M/s. Condux, Mexico.

(2) M/s. Nova Corp., Canada.

(3) M/s. Snam Progetti, Italy.

(4) M/s. Spie Capag, France.

(b) Evaluation of the bids is in process.

Manufacture of new scooter by Lohia Machines Ltd.

20. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:
DR. H. P. SHARMA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Messrs Lohia Machines Limited have been permitted by Government to diversify its production and to allow them to manufacture a new 150 cc Scooter again in collaboration with the Italian firm M/s. Piaggio;

(b) if so, what are the details of the licence for the manufacture of this new scooter;

(c) what is the estimated cost of the new vehicle on road; and

(d) whether those who have registered their names for Vespa XE-100 would be permitted to purchase the new scooter against their original registration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The proposal of M/s Lohia Machines Ltd. to amend their existing agreement with M/s. Piaggio to include manufacture of 150 cc scooters without any additional payments to the foreign collaborator has been approved by the Government.

(c) The Company has informed that the invoiced prices of 150 cc scooters excluding registration and